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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION

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1. SOME DRAWINGS AT POST ALSO INDICATE A SMALL SHAFT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CHIMNEY. HOWEVER DRAWINGS ARE INCONSISTENT AND DO NOT INDICATE WHETHER SHAFT EXTENDS TO THIRD FLOOR OR LOWER LEVELS.

2. INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF CHIMNEY ARE 46" X 32" AND OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS AT ROOF LEVEL ARE 86" X 63". SOVIET BRICK IS 10" X 5" AND WE FOUND THAT WALL THICKNESS ON SOUTH AND EAST WAS 15 1/2". THIS INDICATES THAT A 9" WIDE SHAFT MAY EXIST IN THE NORTH WALL OF THE CHIMNEY.

3. PARTIAL DEMOLITION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFTTEL SHOWED AN AIRSPACE ABOUT 9" WIDE RUNNING BETWEEN THE NORTH WALL OF THE CHIMNEY AND THE SOUTH WALL OF THE BUILDING. DEMOLITION WAS PROMPTED BY SOVIET JACKHAMMER ACTIVITY AND POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF
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SECOND SHAFT.

4. VENTILATION SHAFT MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTTEL EMPTIES INTO THIS AIRSPACE AND SERVICES THE SOVIET APARTMENT BUILDING.

5. WE WERE ABLE TO VISUALLY INSPECT THIS AIRSPACE

UP TO THE FOURTH OR FIFTH FLOOR LEVEL WHERE IT APPEARED TO END. HOWEVER IT COULD EASILY NARROW AND BE CLOGGED WITH DEBRIS.

6. STEEL PLATE INSTALLED IN CHIMNEY AT FIFTH FLOOR LEVEL WAS STRATEGICALLY PLACED SO THAT WE COULD PENETRATE THE NORTH WALL OF THE SHAFT AND INSPECT THE SMALL ATTIC SPACE ABOVE THE BEDROOM OF APARTMENT 5A.

7. WE WILL MAKE THIS INSPECTION HOLE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

8. ADVISE IF THIS WORK SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ON A PRIORITY BASIS.
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